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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 11-Jan-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	CURRENT WEEK 01/11/03	PREVIOUS WEEK 01/04/03
BRO-FRY	159,376	131,001
LT HENS	1,891	1,318
HVY HENS	1,462	1,187

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
 WEEK ENDING 28-Dec-02 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	101	0	101
LAST WEEK	341	11	352
SAME WEEK YR AGO	193	0	193
TO-DATE/2003	15,282	308	15,590
TO-DATE/2002	20,976	301	21,277

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,068	678	1,746
LAST WEEK	2,123	1,453	3,576
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,369	818	2,187
TO-DATE/2003	104,722	73,123	177,845
TO-DATE/2002	113,130	71,779	184,909

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 04-Jan-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	126,793 (A)	1,179	1,127	2,306
AVG WT	5.15	3.39	7.83	5.56
LAST WEEK	107,976	967	678	1,645
SAME WK YR AGO	118,269	1,436	1,171	2,607
AVG WT	5.20	3.42	7.92	5.44
TO-DATE/2003	126,793	1,179	1,127	2,306
TO-DATE/2002	118,269	1,436	1,171	2,607

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 142.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 128.3 million head or 14.1 million head less than or 90 percent of estimated fryers available.

(R) Revised

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING December 28, 2002**

	(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE 4.20 LBS & DOWN	(B) RETAIL 4.21-5.25 LBS	(C) DEBONING 5.26 LBS & UP
	-----THOUSANDS-----		
Head	20,200	13,130	30,903
Avg Weight	3.71	4.74	6.17
% of total /1	31%	20%	48%
COMPARISONS			
Last week	19,631	20,191	31,672
Avg Weight	3.87	4.69	6.05
% of total /1	27%	28%	44%
Same week, yr ago /2	14,857	20,381	23,112
Avg Weight	3.75	4.76	6.39
% of total /1	25%	35%	40%
To date/2002	1,309,673	1,150,411	2,115,186
To date/2001	1,560,241	1,384,814	2,196,452

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 04-Jan-03
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,265	1,987	18	9	3,279
AVG WT	15.43	38.84	26.63	31.41	29.73
LAST WEEK	1,122	1,667	17	4	2,810
SAME WK YR AGO	1,262	1,878	33	0	3,173
AVG WT	16.70	36.79	26.04	0.00	28.69
TO-DATE/2003	1,265	1,987	18	9	3,279
TO-DATE/2002	1,262	1,878	33	0	3,173

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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